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SUBJECT: BLOUNT BROS. INTEREST IN KUWAIT UNIVERSITY
PROJECT

1. ADMIRAL THOMAS MOORER, FORMER CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
AND NOW VICE CHAIRMAN OF BLOUNT BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, MET WITH AMBASSADOR MAESTRONE THIS WEEK TO
DISCUSS COMPANY'S INTEREST IN KUWAIT UNIVERSITY PROJECT.
BLOUNT BROTHERS HAS HEARD THAT GOK INTENDS TO SPLIT TENDER
INTO TWO PARTS -- HOUSING FOR PROFESSORS AND MAIN UNIVER-
SITY BUILDINGS -- AND TO AWARD HOUSING CONSTRUCTION JOB
TO KUWAITI COMPANY AND OPEN OTHER TENDER FOR REBIDDING.

2. BLOUNT BROTHERS VERY INTERESTED IN WINNING ENTIRE
PROJECT AND WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH
APPROPRIATE GOK OFFICIALS BEFORE THEY SPLIT PROJECT INTO
TWO TENDERS.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INQUIRING OF GOK IF PLANS DO
CALL FOR DIVISION OF PROJECT AND AWARDING OF HOUSING
CONTRACT AS STATED ABOVE. IF SO, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
YOUR ASKING IF MEETING WITH BLOUNT BROTHERS COULD BE
ARRANGED BEFORE GOK ANNOUNCES ITS DECISION.
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